

REMARKS

The allowance of claims 1, 2 and 8-19 has been noted with appreciation. The foregoing amendment corrects the obvious typographical error in claim 3 and it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of these claims under 35 USC 112 can be withdrawn and these claims are also in condition for allowance.

The Office Action acknowledges the application's claim to foreign priority based on JP-2002-275990 filed September 20, 2002 (rather than 2003 as indicated in the Office Action) but indicates the certified copy has not been received. It is respectfully submitted that the applicants have filed the certified copy of that Japanese application as shown in the attached return receipt postcard. Acknowledgement of receipt is therefore respectfully solicited.

Allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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